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TAGS: PFOR OAU ET SO FT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE CHIEF

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1. LT. COL. HASHIM MBITA, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE DAR-BASED
OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE, VISITED ETHIOPIA MAY 21-23. MBITA
MET WITH EPMG OFFICIALS AS WELL AS OFFICERS, INCLUDING BUREAU
SECGEN AHMED BOURHAN OUMAR AND MEMBERS OF HIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
OF THE DJIBOUTI LIBERATION MOVEMENT (DLM) BASED IN DIRE DAWA.
MBITA'S TRIP WAS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN AT
THE FEBRUARY OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S (CM) MEETING TO STUDY
BOTH THE DLM AND THE MOGADISCIO-BASED SOMALI COAST LIBERATION
FRONT. MBITA HAD PREVIOUSLY VISITED MOGADISCIO. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. MBITA'S VISIT WAS LARGELY A PRO-FORMA AFFAIR TO CARRY OUT
INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED AT THE FEBRUARY CM. ACCORDING TO A WELL-PLACED
SOURCE CLOSE TO THE OAU AND LIBERATION COMMITTEE, OAU ADMIN SECGEN
ETEKI AND HIS POLITICAL STAFF ARE NOT EAGER TO GRAPPLE WITH THE
THORNY PROBLEM OF ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI RIVALRY OVER TEH TFAI.
ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, ETEKI MAY BE ENCOURAGING THE PRESIDENT
OF TFAI COUNCIL, ALI AREF BOURHAN TO ATTEND THE JULY-AUGUST OAU
SUMMIT IN KAMPALA IN ORDER TO REQUEST OAU RECOGNITION OF HIS PARTY
AS A DJIBOUTI LIBERATION GROUP. THE RULING PARTIES IN THE
SEYCHELLES AND COMORE ISLANDS HAVE CREATED THE PRECEDENT FOR
SUCH RECOGNITION.

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